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1. The Overseas Chinese General Association (OCCA) for all of Indonesia is organizing an Observation Party to go to Communist China to study actual conditions there and to consolidate the relationship between Overseas Chinese and their home country.
2. The Observation Party from Sumatra of 18 Chinese is being selected by YAP Ee Tong*, who will be a member of the group. The group will travel as tourists and it is anticipated that the trip will cost each person R 8,000.** The date of departure has not yet been set.
3. Five Chinese girls from Medan are going to China to study. Among this group are:

ONG Lan Hiong (Molly ONG), the daughter of ONG Chin Liang

The daughter of CHAN Sing Chye (sic)

The daughter of YAP Ee Tong

The first two left 12 June on the SS WILHELM RUYS for Djakarta, where they will wait for the other three members of the party. They will proceed to China on the SS TJILANGYA of the Java China Steamship Line.***

4. ONG Lan Hiong will attend Saint John's University in Shanghai. The other four are going to Peiping.

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September 1950, reported that YAP Ee Tong was the publisher of the Democratic Daily News. He has also been reported to be a member of the OCCA and of the China Democratic League.

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March 1951, noted that the Chinese Communist Embassy in Djakarta was offering Chinese in Semarang an opportunity to visit China. The Embassy was to make travel arrangements and obtain the necessary visas. The tours were scheduled to last three or

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four months, at a cost of R 8,000 to each traveler. It was hoped that the travelers would return to Indonesia as supporters of the People's Republic of China. [REDACTED] March 1951, reported that the Chung Hua Chung Hui in Djakarta had received a report from its Semarang branch that a committee had been formed there under the chairmanship of the Sin Yiu She (New Friends Society) to make arrangements for a tour of Communist China. Persons to make the tour were to be drawn from commercial, industrial and academic circles. The Chung Hua Chung Hui planned to send 25 representatives on the tour which was to last three months. Committees similar to that in Semarang were to be set up in Djakarta and Surabaya. An Indonesian broadcast from Djakarta on 16 June 1951, reported that a 30-man Indonesian cultural delegation would leave for Peiping early in July, in response to an invitation from the All-China League, for a stay of about three months.

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[REDACTED] Comment. This probably should read SS TJITALENGKA of the Royal Inter-ocean Line.

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